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- The specification is missing.
A complete specification as prescribed by 35 U.S.C. 112 is required.
- The specification does not include at least one claim.
- The application was deposited without drawings. 35 U.S.C. 113 (first sentence) requires a drawing "where necessary for the understanding of the subject matter sought to be patented." *Applicant should reconsider whether the drawings are necessary under 35 U.S.C. 113 (first sentence).*

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